MMR_0560 William Piercy

Bill Piercy (MMR 560) – Bill joined the NMRA in April 1987 and since that time has held several positions within Div 3 to include President, Vice President and board member of the North Central Region. In 2015, Bill became Master Model Railroader No. 560 - - only the 2nd member within Div 3 to ever earn that award!

Bill's interest in model trains started at a young age when he was given a train set. Over time, his interest would wane but he would always gravitate back to model trains. He is involved in all aspects of model trains to include constructing modular layouts, operations, collecting and modeling. He is presently a member of the Northeast Indiana N Scale club that has Ntrak, Onetrak, Ttrak and a door layout.

In earning his MMR, Bill perfected many modeling skills. He earned the following AP certificates: • Master Builder – Cars • Master Builder – Structures • Master Builder – Scenery • Model Railroad Engineer -- Electrical • Chief Dispatcher • Association Official • Association Volunteer.

In addition to earning his MMR and a Golden Spike Award, Bill continues to work towards earning Master Builder – Motive Power, Model Railroad Engineer – Civil and Model Railroad Author.

A few tips from Bill …. Earning an AP certificate is not as hard as you may think. If you're building a layout, look at the requirements for Master Model Railroader – Structure and Scenery as well as the Master Railroad Engineer – Civil and Electrical. You're going to use a plan, so you might as well draw one - Master Railroad Engineer – Civil. You're going to need to wire it - Master Railroad Engineer–Electrical. You are going to put scenery on it - Master Builder–Scenery and you're going to put structures on it - Master Builder–Structures.

If you follow the requirements, you are well on your way to a number of AP Certificates. Another tip – don't read too much into the requirements. If you have a question, ask your division AP Chairman.

If you need help ask an MMR or an AP certificate holder as they are always willing to help. If you need advice on any aspect of model railroading, Bill is the one to see. His model railroad accomplishments are among the best!